



Date: January 14, 2025

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location – City of Sacramento
 1395 35th Avenue
 Sacramento, CA 95822

MEETING NOTES
Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee (RWEPAC)

Meeting called by:	Program Manager	Type of meeting:	Program Advisory Committee
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Call to Order at: 9:32 a.m.

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Attendees	Amy Talbot, Karen Wilhelm, Greg Norris, Jace Nunes, Lucy Silva, Bobby Pajer, Bobby Alvarez, Justin Black, William Granger, Bill Cassady, Robert Barragan, Michael Becker, Linda Higgins, Dan Gwaltney, Jacob Ingle, Greg Bundesen, Danielle Pastore, Lance Eicher, Cheryl Buckwalter (Landscape Liaisons), Elise Shtayyeh (Solano County Water Agency), Joanna Solis (UCCE Sacramento), and Monica Garcia
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2.0 Meeting Notes	The November 12, 2024 notes were approved and will be posted online.
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3.0 Host Presentation	Sacramento’s Water Conservation Program Highlights by William Granger
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4.0 Conservation Regulation

How did reporting go?	<p>Amy asked the group how the conservation regulation reporting was for suppliers this past year. Comment Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were issues with DWR being able to open pdf documents as submitted. Some suppliers had to contact DWR staff to help with submissions. • Sections on the reporting form that were not required this year but required in future years needed to have zeros added as a response which appeared misleading. This was especially true for the CII categorization questions. • Based on the data provided most agencies are “underbudget” for this year’s reporting, however, this is subject to change depending on future declining standards and changes in weather conditions. • Some of the auto populated numbers were incorrectly loading and required assistance from suppliers’ IT departments for correction. • Reporting due dates conflict with staffing holiday vacations making data more difficult to obtain.
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It’s RWA’s understanding that the State Water Board spreadsheet used for 2024 reporting with also be used next year.

Supplier Program Budgets and WEP Dues	<p>RWA office hours were very helpful. Amy will schedule more for 2025.</p> <p>We need to start thinking of projects such as public outreach, CII programs, residential rebates that can be accomplished on a regional basis versus a local supplier basis to meet conservation regulation requirements and request expanded budgets for both.</p> <p>We need to coordinate with CalWEP and take advance of the state-wide projects they are currently offering and will be offering in the future.</p>
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Water Savings Analysis	WEP is considering using program funding for water savings analysis of local suppliers’ rebate
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programs. The analysis will require pre and post rebate data and will evaluate the most successful programs in terms of water savings. City of Sacramento, Placer County Water Agency, and Sacramento Suburban Water District are interested in a regional study and have volunteered 5K towards the effort. UCCE volunteered to help with the analysis.

6.0 Program Updates	
Nonfunctional Turf Model Ordinance & FAQs	Amy is working on a draft model ordinance document to cover what is legally required for suppliers to do to comply with AB 1157. In addition to what is legally required, she will be organizing a series of FAQs that will help the region coalesce around what a regional definition of nonfunctional turf should be with clarifying examples for customer outreach and education. The draft document was sent to the ad hoc committee for review and for legal review by RWA lawyers. Amy will update document with comments and present in more detail at the March 2025 RWEPC meeting.
Rebate Participation and CII Focus Group	The program will prioritize promoting customer rebate participation this next year with our advertisements and outreach materials. The program will also use grant funding to host a focus group for the CII or HOA sector to better understand motivations for participating or not participating in rebates and services offered by local water suppliers.
BeWaterSmart Website Upgrade	The program will be updating the www.bewatersmart.info website this year to make some required technical changes and restructuring of the content to improve functionality of the site to focus on rebates and services.
Grant Update	We have several active grants to help supplement local rebate and service funding until 2026. Contact Monica with any questions regarding grant funding.
Leadership Team	Contact Amy if you are interested in joining the leadership team. The leadership team reviewing and provided comments on the RWEPC meeting agendas and assists Amy in between RWEPC meetings with varying program management topics.
Leak Detection Technology – Oldcastle Infrastructure	Agencies are currently not interested in a regional presentation. Contact Amy if you are interested in communicating with Oldcastle Infrastructure directly.

7.0 Office Hours/Field Trips/Topics for 2025	
	Amy will work on setting up a tour for the Devil Mountain Wholesale Nursery. If you have any ideas of what topics you would like to discuss or places you would like to visit in 2025, contact Amy with your suggestions.

8.0 Agency Announcements	
Meeting Dates / Locations – The City of Sacramento, Placer County Water Agency, Sacramento Suburban Water District, San Juan Water District have volunteered to host, Monica will follow up for their preferred dates.	
Date	Host
March 11, 2025	Sacramento Suburban Water District
May 13, 2025	TBD
July 8, 2025	TBD
September 9, 2025	TBD
November 18, 2025	TBD
December 9, 2025	The Old Spaghetti Factory, Rancho Cordova, CA
January 13, 2026	TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.